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MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

2 December 1960

Members: Mr. Max Horlick, State
Mr. Gerald C. Cooney, Army
Mr. Thomas Koines, Navy
Major George K. Kudravetz, Air Force

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Mrs. Doris Freer, AEC

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Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman, CIA

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Guests: Mr. Edward W. Burgess, State
Major Elias Bacha, Air Force
Mr. Walter H. Ellis, Air Force
Mr. Amido A. DeSimone, Air Force

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1. Minutes

The minutes of the 24th meeting of the Committee were approved.

2. The Eastern Europe Program

The proposed program for Eastern Europe, submitted for Committee consideration in enclosures to the minutes of the 24th CEFLP meeting, was reviewed and adopted without change. The review produced comment relative to reports issued under the former program as well as to the revisions recommended for the new program.

State member acknowledged particular interest in the Eastern Europe Press Survey, the Review of Communist Theoretical Journals, the Selected East European Sociological Translations, and the summaries of the provincial press. Economic coverage in general was considered good. The special economic reports on Bulgaria and Yugoslavia were specifically mentioned as useful compilations of information. Reporting of sociological information on Bulgaria, East Germany, and Rumania was considered noteworthy.

State welcomed the expanded coverage of Albania indicated in the proposed program.

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ARMY, NAVY, USAF and DOS review(s) completed.

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Army member requested Navy and Air reaction to an Army proposal for inclusion of all military information in one serial publication. Navy and Air members reported satisfaction with the existing format of reports. The Committee also noted certain requirements of the current reporting program which would make difficult the adoption of the proposal, namely,

a. Some of the military information reports are prepared internally by FDD personnel and some by external contractual facilities,

b. biographic data is issued in card format at the request of the military services,

c. translations of Czechoslovak military materials require publication under For Official Use Only control to conform with copyright restrictions,

d. the controls or classification necessary if all military information were issued under one cover would prevent dissemination to external contractors employed by the services.

After discussion, Army member withdrew the proposal and accepted the Eastern Europe program as presented.

Navy member approved the proposed program and specifically endorsed biographic reporting on card format.

There was discussion of the need for reporting biographic data on personnel below the rank of flag officer and general officer, with final agreement to retain the existing requirement for biographic reporting on field grade officers and senior naval officers, including lieutenant commanders.

Air member accepted the revised program, expressing a definite preference for biographic information on cards. Collection of data on test pilots military or civilian, was requested. Assurance was given by FDD that any personnel so identified would be reported.

NSA member approved the proposed program in its entirety.

AEC member endorsed the program, stating that AEC also favored the card format for biographic reporting.

The Chairman noted CIA's acceptance of the new program. Committee review of the Eastern Europe program was thus concluded.

Since Army, Navy and CIA only were concerned in the discussion of community problems in classified translation service it was agreed to defer this item of the agenda in favor of matters of general interest to the Committee.

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Announcements and Proposals

The Chairman announced that the report on Urban Development in the USSR would be reinstated as a periodic publication, because of interest shown in the report by Army, NSA, ARD, and CIA.

A CIA recommendation that economic data from foreign language publications be reported on 5 x 8 format, when applicable, was brought to the attention of the Committee. The Chairman stated that [] was in preparation in this format and should appear within the month. He requested the Committee to ascertain community reaction to the format for presentation and discussion at the January meeting.

The Chairman spoke briefly on the availability and informational value of the 1960 Chinese Communist publications, noting that a full review of this subject was in preparation for the Committee. He reported the continuous decline in periodical receipts during the first half of the calendar year and the abrupt termination of receipt of many post-July issues of the economic, scientific and technical journals. Moreover, the decline in receipts of the economic journals was accompanied by a marked deterioration in the hard-fact content of these sources.

Conversely, the Chicom newspapers continued to be available, although many receipts were in microfilm copy. Political reporting in the publications generally maintained its previous quality.

It was further observed that diplomatic as well as non-diplomatic subscribers were equally affected by the restrictions on the availability of the publications.

Community Problems in Classified Translation Service

At the suggestion of the Chairman, Army and Navy members described their respective departmental capabilities to render classified translation service. It was determined through discussion that Army and Navy in many instances might cooperate in an exchange of translation services which could be mutually beneficial. It was therefore agreed that the Committee members of these two services would contact each other for the arrangement of reciprocal services as the need arose.

The Chairman observed that CIA would endeavor to meet the USIB requirements for translation of the exotic languages in cases where other IB components lack facilities and CIA capabilities and workload permit.

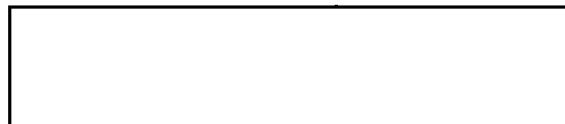
The Chairman then distributed a current list of Special FDD Reports in Process or Projected.

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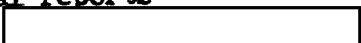
The date of the next meeting of the Committee was announced as 13 January 1961, at which time the Far East program will be reviewed. The meeting will be held at 1400 hours in Room 1121 M Building.



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Enclosures:

1. CEPLP-A-24
2. TAB A - Review of availability of ChiCom publications
3. TAB B - FDD scheduled Far East reports (non-scientific) and special reports
4. TAB C -  (non-scientific)
5. TAB D - Proposed changes in Tabs A and B

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A G E N D A

Conference Room - 1121 M Building
Friday, 13 January 1961 at 1400 hours

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1. Minutes of the 25th meeting
 2. The Far East program
 3. Community reaction to the publication of selected economic data on 5 x 8 format

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